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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1;
- (b) the h2520-59 encoding portion of SEQ ID NO: 1 comprising nucleotides 49-1122 of SEQ ID NO 1;
 - (c) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2; and
 - (d) a nucleotide sequence complementary to any of (a)-(c).
 - 2-3. (canceled)
 - 4. (original) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.
 - 5. (original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 4.
 - 6-7. (canceled)
- 8. (currently amended) A process of producing a an h2520-59 polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 5 under suitable conditions to express the polypeptide, and optionally isolating the polypeptide from the culture.
 - 9. (canceled)
- 10. (original) The process of claim 8, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises promoter DNA other than the promoter DNA for the native h2520-59 polypeptide operatively linked to the nucleotide sequence encoding the h2520-59 polypeptide.
 - 11-52. (canceled)
- 53. (original) A composition comprising a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation agent.
- 54. (original) The composition of claim 53 wherein said nucleic acid molecule is contained in a viral vector.

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55. (previously presented) A viral vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.

56-61. (canceled)

- 62. (currently amended) A method of diagnosing a pathological condition or a susceptibility to a pathological condition in a subject caused by or resulting from abnormal levels of expression of an h2520-59 polypeptide polynucleotide comprising:
- (a) determining the presence or amount of expression of the polypeptide of claim 14, or the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 in a sample; and
- (b) comparing the level of h2520-59 polypeptide polynucleotide expression in a biological, tissue or cellular sample from normal subjects or the subject at a different time, wherein susceptibility to a pathological condition is based on the presence or amount of expression of the polypeptide polynucleotide.

63-67. (canceled)

- 68. (previously presented) A diagnostic reagent comprising a detectably labeled polynucleotide encoding the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 69. (original) The diagnostic reagent of claim 68, wherein said labeled polynucleotide is a first-strand cDNA.
- 70. (currently amended) A method for detecting the presence of an h2520-59 nucleic acid molecules molecule in a biological sample comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing a biological sample suspected of containing an h2520-59 nucleic acid molecules molecule;
- (b) contacting the biological sample with a diagnostic reagent according to claim 68 under conditions wherein the diagnostic reagent will hybridize with <u>an</u> h2520-59 nucleic acid <u>molecules</u> molecule contained in said biological sample;
- (c) detecting hybridization between <u>an h2520-59</u> nucleic acid <u>molecules molecule</u> in the biological sample and the diagnostic reagent; and
- (d) comparing the level of hybridization between the biological sample and diagnostic reagent with the level of hybridization between a known concentration of an h2520-59 nucleic acid molecules molecule and the diagnostic reagent.

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71. (currently amended) A method for detecting the presence of <u>an</u> h2520-59 nucleic acid <u>molecules</u> molecule in a tissue or cellular sample comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a tissue or cellular sample suspected of containing an h2520-59 nucleic acid molecule;
- (b) contacting the tissue or cellular sample with a diagnostic reagent according to claim 68 under conditions wherein the diagnostic reagent will hybridize with <u>an</u> h2520-59 nucleic acid molecules;
- (c) detecting hybridization between <u>an h2520-59</u> nucleic acid molecules <u>molecule</u> in the tissue or cellular sample and the diagnostic reagent; and
- (d) comparing the level of hybridization between the tissue or cellular sample and diagnostic reagent with the level of hybridization between a known concentration of <u>an</u> h2520-59 nucleic acid molecules molecule and the diagnostic reagent.
- 72. (withdrawn) The method of claim 70 or 71 wherein said nucleic acid molecule is DNA.
- 73. (withdrawn) The method of claim 70 or 71 wherein said nucleic acid molecule is RNA.
 - 74. (canceled)
 - 75. (original) A polynucleotide according to claim 1 attached to a solid support.
- 76. (original) An array of polynucleotides comprising at least one polynucleotide according to claim 1.